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BY SUNDAY EVENING

MARCONI MAY BE CHAMPS

Last year it was at Brisbane's Perry Park where Marconi, after a marathon struggle, lost its grip on the Philips Cup.

This coming Sunday, the very same Perry Park could see them declared and anointed as the 1979 PSL champions.

If Marconi can win against the solid Brisbane City, they will have stretched their lead to a proverbial mile, with only four rounds to go.

And with two of their rivals, Adelaide City and Sydney City faltering, there isn't anybody in sight to seriously threaten their title bid.

The fight for the semifinal places, on the other hand, has sharpened.

Newcastle and Heidelberg are coming with great runs though West Adelaide cannot be dismissed either.

These, together with Brisbane City, Sydney City and Adelaide City, will probably stage a king-size battle for the remaining three spots behind Marconi.

The relegation issue isn't quite clear yet either though there is a growing feeling that whichever teams finish in the last two places will be voted back.

South Melbourne will now find it very difficult to escape the wooden spoon.

Brisbane Lions, which seemed to secure a few weeks ago, is now in the same boat at Footscray and St. George but even Olympic can't feel 100% secure.

The big clash in Sydney on Sunday will see the co-tenants of Wentworth Park, APIA and Sydney City clash for the points.

In the other game Olympic should account for Canberra which seems to have fallen apart.

West Adelaide will need a

win against St. George if they are to stay in the race — but the Saints are the big improvers of the PSL and could return with both points.

Newcastle, having found their goal-touch, will secretly hope for another bonus point against Lions on Saturday especially if the effervescent Boden retains his form.

The South Melbourne v Footscray match will be a dour relegation confrontation; this is South's very last chance to at least try and get away from the bottom.

Heidelberg will meet Adelaide City and here again the loser will have its semifinal chances badly jolted.



Mark Jankovics, Marconi



Peter Stone, Eddie Krncevic and Peter Raskopoulos, from left to right celebrate after the second NSW goal against AEK last Sunday.

Well done, Leo!

In one of the most entertaining international games seen in Sydney for many years, a young NSW side showed courage and maturity when drawing 5-5 with Greek champions AEK of Athens.

NSW coach Leo Baumgartner — himself the best striker in Australia in the late 1950s — programmed his young charges to take the game to AEK.

What a pity that national coach Rudi Gutendorf, now

on holidays in West Germany, couldn't see his Wunderkids.

As for Baumgartner, he has answered those critics who have been having a great whispering campaign about Gutendorf's "German Mafia."

Baumgartner has forgotten more about soccer than most coaches will ever learn.

Greek drama is looming

Following last Saturday's defeat in Sydney, South Melbourne's goose appears to be well and truly cooked.

With five games to go they are four points behind the rest of the field and prime candidates for relegation.

Possibly only a few people, extremely close to the club know just what went wrong with South Melbourne.

Last year they finished third in the PSL under the management of David MacLaren.

The future looked bright: the PSL's big spenders splashed out tens of thousands of dollars on expensive new imports in order to go one or two better than in 1978.

But what happened? Possibly the 'Tony Turner Case' which cost them three points unhinged the team's morale.

So far this year they have used up three coaches.

This is how they performed:

*David MacLaren: 7 matches, 4 points.

*Duncan McKay: 8 matches, 4 points.

*John Margaritis: 6 matches, 2 points.

In other words, South Melbourne have been going from bad to worse and the various coaching reshuffles not only failed to save the team but have swept them to the brink of disaster.

It will be interesting to see whether a possible relegation and certain re-admission application will impress the ASF executive.

The new policy aims at reducing PSL teams in Melbourne and Sydney and favours decentralisation.

The question will inevitably arise: does Melbourne really need two Greek based PSL clubs?

Break threat over names

A prominent official from one of the most powerful 'ethnic' State League clubs said this week that there were moves afoot to 'break away' if the ASF persisted with its anti-ethnic name campaign.

The official, who wanted to remain anonymous, claimed that his club has had talks, primarily with other ethnic clubs, on the possibility of breaking away and forming their own league if they are ever forced into abandoning their original names.

He said that their wish was not to form an "ethnic league", on the contrary, it would be a league where clubs could call themselves anything they wanted, and they wouldn't be interfered with in that respect.

The official claimed that in-

formal talks had been held amongst some NSW clubs — including some from the PSL — outlining the basic formula for a league.

This position has arisen, the official said, because there are some clubs which feel strongly enough about the identity crisis to take direct action if needed.

He also said that approaches would be made in the near future to inter-state clubs, outlining the argument for the need for a break-away if warranted.

The official wanted to make it clear that this was primarily a warning to the ASF.

He said that they didn't want to break away, but if the ASF adopted a "bull-dozing" attitude the consequences could be severe.

★★★★★★



Before Sunday's "Wiener Waltz"-type of international, the Austrian coaches of the two teams, Leo Baumgartner (left) and Hermann Stessl in a grim mood.



BATHURST (2nd div) took the lead last weekend with a 2-0 win over Lane Cove. The first half was evenly matched, with Lane Cove keeper brilliantly saving a penalty. In the second half some tactical team changes for Bathurst saw their first goal scored early from a corner kick for Adrian Pickup to net. Shortly after a penalty was awarded to Bathurst and converted by Gred Dwyer. Bathurst continued to apply the pressure but Lane Cove played well with no further goals conceded. The outstanding player for Bathurst was midfielder Adrian Pickup.

ASHCROFT finished the season on a sad note going down 0-5 to the division premiers Nth. Bankstown. This loss cost Ashcroft their long held position of second place and now have to be content to occupy the third place. The game started with Ashcroft being overly anxious and it wasn't long before two players, one from each side, were sent off. Ten minutes from the start Neil Harvey opened the score for Bankstown direct from a corner kick and before half time, Neil made it 0-2. In the second half three more goals were added, the scorers being Alan Sirett, Barry Glendenning and Trevor Buckley. The last two goals were scored in the last two minutes of the game.

GUILDFORD COUNTY (2nd div) had a good round 22 win over the division leaders Gladesville-Ravens, 3-1. This result topped the Ravens from the top spot after leading all season. Ravens scored very early when a good shot from 18 metres rebounded from the keeper for a Ravens forward to score, just 90 seconds into the game. Guildford settled quickly and gained control in midfield with defense playing equally as well. The score at the break remained at 0-1. The second half saw Guildford's pressure pay dividends with a first-time volley by Tony Glass netted. County's second goal came from a freekick at the half way taken by Ken Hunter, sending the ball deep into the goal mouth to see Ritchie Gillespie making a fine run to head it past the keeper. County's third goal came from an own goal by the Ravens after much pressure. Gladesville-Ravens firmly held onto the 2nd grade premiership with a 2-0 win over Guildford while the home club retained the points in 3rd grade with a 1-0 win.

WEST ST. GEORGE (5th div) played a hard fought match against Camden for a 0-0 draw. Wests had several chances to score but failed to capitalise. Camden's goalkeeper made some fine saves during the game. Wests' outstanding players on the day were midfielder, Andy Piggott, winger Warren Keen and centre half, Simon Flack. Reserve grade didn't perform up to standard with Camden putting a lot of pressure on a leading 2-1 at half time. The second half was more even with West St. George making the best of their chances, scoring two more goals. Their winning goal was scored by a very elated Barry Aslin consolidating his team's top position. The club welcomes back next week reserve grade defender, Bob Darling from overseas.

NAMATJIRA (4th div) had a 4-3 win in an exciting game against Fairfield Kiev. Namatjira were 0-2 down at half time and with 20 minutes to go the score was 1-3 for the visitors but Namatjira with promotion in sight, came back with a vengeance and scored three more goals to scrape home with two valuable points. The performance of the Kiev goalkeeper was superb despite conceding four goals. Scorers for Namatjira were Steve Permutico (2) Doug Spargo and Micky Flouskas.

In the 4th division while **NTH RYDE** made certain of their division premiership by defeating Holroyd Rangers 0-2 the other top teams except for Namatjira all dropped points. West Holroyd went down 2-1 to the bottom placed team Nth Rocks and Paddington managed to grab only one point by scoring the last goal of a 2-2 draw against Maroubra. Except for Nth Ryde and Namatjira the two sides in the top four are still to be decided.

PORT HACKING (2nd div) hosted Marrickville at Seymour Shaw but sent them home with the points shading them with stout defense and goals by Col Arnold and Peter Fletcher. Top marks to Marrickville's third grade, however, to down the hot Port Hacking side with a well taken goal, superior defense and team work to being a 14-game undefeated run to a half.

MACQUARIE UNI (5th div) stormed back into the semifinal battle with two good wins over Edensor Park last Sunday. First grade finished Edensor's 10-game winning streak with a 1-0, with a Chris Ryan penalty after Bobby Jeffries had been brought down in the area. For Macquarie Ray Northcote, Graeme Mulligan and Geoff Robb, before he was unfortunately sent off late in the game, all played well. Surprise of the reserve grade's fine 3-0 win over Edensor Park was the two well taken goals by stopper cum left winger, Clive Diamond who also played a part in the first goal by overlapping fullback, Alistair McLeod. The club is looking forward to next week's clash against Canley Heights to finish on a winning streak.

BONNYRIGG EAGLES (3rd div) revenged their first round defeat by winning 3-2 against Artarmon. The result, while not sufficient to lift the Eagles to the top four, may prove to be disastrous for Artarmon as it caused the North Shore side to drop one place to fourth position. Artarmon scored first from a direct kick and in the second half Artarmon scored again with a beautiful shot that left the goalie completely helpless. Both goals were scored by Steven Slade. Bonnyrigg, 0-2 down with 20 minutes to go, were urged to attack and this they did and three goals followed in quick succession. The scorers for the Eagles were Dony Arkhiom, Eddy Adam and Hormis Tooma.

YAGOONA (2nd div), a game played in typical end of season fashion, were lucky to get out of jail against West Ryde. Both teams displayed a lack of urgency and Yagoona, creating more chances, went one up after 35 minutes. A clever build-up found Barry Wyleman unmarked in the centre which resulted in a well timed header which gave the keeper no chance. Within minutes a high crossed ball eluded the Yagoona defense and West Ryde were back on level terms. The second half saw a game which looked like, dwindling to a draw when Barry Wyleman scored his second goal with 10 minutes remaining. West Ryde finished strongly and Yagoona had to rely on goalkeeper Wayne Phillips to keep the two points.

CLUB PATROL

Bankstown's **PAUL THOMPSON**, who missed last week's match because of an automatic suspension, will be back in the side this week. However, **JOHN BEATER** could be sidelined because of a fourth yellow card he received in last week's game against Arncliffe. The club wasn't sure whether he had picked up the 12 points because of the caution.

Bankstown's **TERRY GREEDY** missed last week's match against Arncliffe because of a nagging ankle injury which has forced him to remain on the bench for the past couple of weeks. Terry was due to see well known masseur and physio, **BRIAN BLACKBURN**, this week to receive treatment. Brian is the masseur for Arncliffe Scots.

Our most heartfelt congratulations to **ALAN** and **WENDY BOURKE** on the birth of their son last week. Wendy, who acts as a liaison officer with Inter Monaro, gave birth to a baby boy last Wednesday at the Woden Valley Hospital in the ACT. The baby will be christened **JOHN PAUL**. Both mother and child were reportedly doing well.

Monaro club officials are hoping that **SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO** will be back in the first team for this week's important match against Melita at the Bruce Stadium. Giampaolo has been out for the past three weeks after receiving some hard knocks against Marrickville.

After four years playing for Melita Eagles, **JOE FARRUGIA** has decided to return to Malta and will leave Sydney next Thursday, August 30 with his wife Julie and children Natan and Natasha. Under the terms of an agreement when he came to Sydney, Joe will become a player of Marsa Football Club in the Maltese First Division. The club organised a farewell for the Farrugas at a ball in Rockdale on August 11.

Inter Monaro will be playing Melita this week at the National Stadium in the Canberra suburb of Bruce. So far Monaro have used the ground only three times, but have not lost there.

JOHN SANTOLIN, Inter Monaro's dominant central figure, missed last week's game, and could be out for another couple of weeks with two broken toes. He suffered the injury against Blacktown City a few weeks ago.

Inter Monaro's club captain, **ALAN BOURKE**, suffered a badly cut eye last week in the match against Yugal. He reportedly got an elbow in the face and this completely closed up his eye.

Arncliffe's **PETER BUTCHER** has resumed training with the club after recovering from a recent car accident. Hopefully it will not take him long to get back to top form and force his way into the side.

ALAN BANKHEAD, Arncliffe's 'character supreme', has been sidelined for two weeks with a hairline fracture of his right foot.

Arncliffe will be losing their talented third grade goalkeeper next season. **BRETT HANSELL**, who is 18, has been transferred to Melbourne next year as a student teacher. Arncliffe highly recommends the lad to any club interested, and feel that he has the right attitude towards the game to eventually even make it into the PSL.

The proposed experimental under-15 competition for Sydney schools has gone to the Board of Station 2SM and CHS officials are hoping that the \$3,000 promotion will receive approval.

The **BLACKTOWN** District Association will hold a giant Under-8 K.O. competition on Saturday at Lynwood Park, Stephen Street, Blacktown, with about 350 youngsters fighting for a range of trophies and medals.

The **GLADESVILLE** Uniting Soccer Club, now more than 40 years old, has grown into 10 Junior and two All-age teams—all under the direction of one qualified coach. Now the club would like to engage a second professional coach for next season; those interested should contact Larry Spencer on 896 1180(home).

TASMAN CUP

— By Keith Gilmour

Tim Yates, the hard-running Normanhurst striker who broke his arm in last year's Tasman Cup final, was on hand to score the winning goal in this year's final against Port Hacking at Englefield.

Normanhurst won their second successive final 1-0 from Port, three minutes into extra time.

The game produced a continuous run of action, with defences on top before a crowd of 2,800.

The winning goal started with Robert Wheatley in midfield.

He found Darren Taylor on the right wing with a raking pass.

Then followed a delightful low ball to Yates, who crashed his first-time shot high into the net from 12 metres.

Port Hacking were good enough to come back, but Grant Cashman's angled drive was well covered by Normanhurst goalkeeper Gabe Revello.

Normanhurst were particularly well served by tricky left winger Luke Morley and skipper John Martin, whilst for Port Wayne Nelson, Cashman and Bruce Johnson were outstanding.

Both goalkeepers, Revello for Normanhurst and Graeme Kelly for Port Hacking, played almost faultlessly.

In the early match Punchbowl 4 (Jim Maarabani2, Greg King and Mario Nocera) defeated Whitebridge 1 (Scott Hamilton).

Scott Beverley, the Warringah Saints midfielder is on holiday in England for nine weeks. He plans to try his skills with an English non-league club while he is there.

ADELAIDE

From Vic Migliaccio

The Juventus Sports and Social Club (Adelaide City) will hold its annual president invitation dinner at the clubrooms on Saturday September 1. The guest list will be restricted to 100. Donation \$100 a double. For further details contact chairman Don Luca, 353 2511.

AEK Athens will be remembered as the worst overseas team to play in Adelaide (see Allan Crisp's report). After the match to finish the night off, reporters and **AEK** coach Herman Stessl could not communicate because of language barrier. Questions were asked in numerous languages. His reply was, "sorry I only speak German". In the other dressing room SA coach Edmund Kreft said, "counting on our clear-cut chances we should have doubled the goals that Victoria scored against them".

Campbelltown City lifted themselves from the bottom of the Rothmans League table with a shock 3-1 win over Azzurri. With the loss, Azzurri have lost the leadership. It was obvious from the kick-off that Campbelltown's coach Bob D'Ottavi did his home work. He switched Phil Russo back to his usual centre half position and he also fielded strongman Roger Kozuch as fullback. The order of the day must have been to unsettle the sharp Azzurri's strikers at any cost, and it paid off. D'Ottavi replaced Kozuch in the second half with Aldo Raponi.

Azzurri were the far better side on the day but Campbelltown took its chances well. Referee Dennis Stanley disallowed two of what appeared to be good goals for Azzurri.

Other results: Cumberland 1 Victoria 1, Croatia 0 Elizabeth 0, Beograd 1 Para Hills 0, Polonia 1 Lions 1, Second Division: West Torrens 1 Noarlunga 1, Don 1 Modbury 3, Windsor 1 Adelaide City 3, West Field 1 Port 2, Salisbury 1 Orange 1.

This week:
First division: Beograd Polonia, Campbelltown Para Hills, Elizabeth Azzurri, Victoria Croatia, Lion Cumberland.
Second division: Port Salisbury, Adelaide City West Field, Modbury Windsor, Noarlunga Don, Orange West Torrens.

A strong 18-girl State soccer squad is in Darwin to contest the second national championship from August 23 to 31. Six other States will take part. There will be national coverage on ABC TV. State Secretary Noel McGuinness said that SA would stage the championship next year.

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THIS WEEK SYDNEY DRAWS

SECOND DIVISION

Sat: Dee Why v Bathurst, Dee Why. Sun: Gladesville Ravens v Marrickville, Peel Park; Yagoona v Baulkham Hills, O'Neill Park; Guildford v Lane Cove, Guildford Park; West Ryde v Dee Why, Waud SG; Bathurst v Gladesville-Hornsby, Bathurst; Lethbridge v Port Hacking, Jersey Rd.

THIRD DIVISION

Semifinals: Saturday, Artarmon Reserve, 1pm; Bondi v Ashcroft (2nd gr.), 3pm; Campbelltown v Artarmon (1st gr); Sunday, Rangers Rd: 1pm: Campbelltown v Nth. Bankstown (2nd gr); 3pm: Nth. Bankstown v Ashcroft (1st gr).

FOURTH DIVISION

Sat: Namatjira v Maroubra Utd, Cawarra Pk; North Ryde v Eastwood St. Andrews, North Ryde; Revesby Rovers v Fairfield Kiev, Amour Pk. Sun: Paddington v North Rocks, Campbell Pk; West Holroyd v Padstow Park, Pendle Hill Pk; Revesby Rovers v Holroyd Rangers, Amour Pk; Chelsea v Fairfield Kiev, Moore Pk.

FIFTH DIVISION

Sat: Canley Hts v Macquarie University, King Pk; Maccabi v Fairfield West, Moore Park No.12; Haberfield v Camden, Beaman Pk; West St. George v Auburn Jnrs, Evatt Pk. Sun: Hawkesbury v Pagewood, North Richmond Oval; Edensor Pk v Concordia, King Tomislav Pk; Haberfield v Fairfield West, Beaman Pk (1st grade only).

SIXTH DIVISION

Sat: Lakemba v Moorebank, Parry Pk No.2; Chullora v Winston Hills, Soccer Centre, Liverpool Utd v Mt. Pritchard, Childs Pk. Sun: Blacktown Wanderers v Green Valley, Parklea; Greystanes v South Sydney, Bathurst St. Pk; Liverpool City v Bankstown Sports, Ernie Smith Res.

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UNDER 14

Arncliffe v Lethbridge 3-0
Melita v Parramatta 5-0
Polonia v Guildford 3-0
Bye: Auburn

W D L F A P

Melita	5	1	—	30	5 11
Auburn	4	1	1	13	6 9
Parramatta	4	1	1	12	7 9
Parramatta	4	1	1	12	7 9
Polonia	2	2	2	10	12 6
Arncliffe	1	2	3	8	9 6
Guildford	—	2	4	1	14 2
Lethbridge	—	1	5	1	22 1

UNDER 15

Baulk. Hills v Arncliffe, forfeit by Arncliffe.
Parramatta v Melita 5-0
Guildford v Belmore 2-1
Bye: Auburn.

Youth League major Semifinals:
Under 14: Bankstown v Marconi 4-1

W D L F A P

Guildford	5	1	—	12	7 11
Parramatta	4	1	1	19	10 9
Baulk. Hills	3	1	2	10	11 7
1/2 Auburn	2	—	4	16	14 4
Arncliffe	2	—	4	10	9 4
Melita	2	—	4	11	17 4
Belmore	1	1	5	5	15 3

UNDER 16

Arncliffe v Lethbridge 5-3
Bankstown v Parramatta 4-0
Polonia v Syd. Olympics 3-2
Bye: Baulkham Hills

W D L F A P

Bankstown	6	—	—	13	— 12
Baulk. Hills	4	1	1	17	6 9
Polonia	4	—	2	9	5 8
Syd. Olymp.	3	—	3	15	9 6
Arncliffe	2	1	3	10	9 5
Lethbridge	1	—	5	7	18 2
Parramatta	—	—	6	2	24 —

Under 15: APIA v Lethbridge 1-0

Under 16: Round-Robin replay: Toongabbie v Melita 0-0.

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NSW WITHIN A WITSCHGE OF SHOCK WIN

— Andrew Dettre

The accent was on entertainment last Sunday when a very young NSW team played a 5-5 draw with the depleted Green champions AEK at the Sydney Sportsground.

If goals are the spice of soccer life, then this stew must have satisfied most who saw the encounter. Pleasingly, NSW went into battle with a positive, almost fearless attitude, clearly aiming to win.

And they went within an inch or so. Goals fell fairly liberally, especially in the first half when six were scored. After about only one minute, Raskopoulos, himself of Green parentage, shook off a timid tackle inside the box and crashed home a glorious shot for a welcome early lead.

Stone for NSW and Bajevic for AEK could have bagged a couple of goals shortly after that but missed in the goalmouth.

After 12 minutes it was 2-0. Butler chased a ball trickling towards the byline, watched by four AEK defenders dispassionately; he retrieved the ball and crossed to a strangely unmarked Krncevic to crash home No.2.

This must have rankled AEK; within three minutes it was 2-2. First a Domazos pass found Intzoglou who scored from 10 metres, then Henderson brought down Bajevic inside the box with the victim converting the penalty.

After 31 minutes Vladic was given free passage to score again for AEK but six minutes later, after a goalmouth scrimmage, Krncevic made it 3-3.

AEK started the second half with a new composure and for a long period looked like taking control of the match.

For the first time they displayed their undoubted superior skill with Domazos, Ardizoglou and Vladic in charge.

In the 56 minute Konstantinou was breaking on the left unchallenged and his flick pass was duly converted by Ardizoglou to make it 4-3.

Just when a NSW collapse looked imminent, replacement Beggs came to the rescue.

In the 76 minute a glorious Degney cross from the left found Beggs' head for 4-4.

Sensing a chance for glory, NSW kept going forward and gained its

reward.

With four minutes to go Butler dashed off on the right and his measured cross was volleyed home by Beggs from a few metres.

In injury time referee Henry Witschge awarded a freekick to AEK for a technical infringement: Souness queried an offside decision.

Almost every other "home" referee in the world would have turned a deaf ear to the offence but Witschge reacted reflexively.

From the freekick, Bajevic smashed the ball against the upright and the ball trickled into the net, depriving NSW of a badly needed and well deserved prestige win.

Viewed as an entertainment, the match was infinitely more enjoyable than one would have expected: who could argue with 10 goals?

But Leo Baumgartner must wonder why his defence let him down.

Prskalo had to be sweeper AND stopper as Henderson left enormous gaps in the middle, all but inviting disaster.

On this display he is too much of a free spirit to be entrusted with the stopper's role in the national team.

Souness had immense problems with both Greek wingers who kept switching flanks but Woodhouse and Degney came through the match with credit.

Of the rest of the NSW team Butler stood out; his exclusion from the Socceroo squad can no longer be justified

NSW: Woodhouse, Souness, Degney, Henderson, Prskalo, Raskopoulos, Hall (Beggs 53m) Butler, Krncevic, Stone (Cagajl 68m), Jennings.

AEK: Christidis, Damianidis, Kalaitzidis, Argyros (Thodis 46m), Nikolau, Intzoglou, Ardizoglou, Vladic, Domazos, Bajevic, Konstantinou.

Goals: 1-0 Raskopoulos (1m) 2-0 Krncevic (12m) 2-1 Intzoglou (14m) 2-2 Bajevic (15m, pen.) 2-3 Vladic (31m) 3-3 Krncevic (37m) 3-4 Ardizoglou (56m) 4-4 Beggs (76m) 5-4 Beggs (86m) 5-5 Bajevic (91m).

Referee: H. Witschge; Crowd: 14,260.

SYD CITY 0(0)
BRIS CITY 1(1)

ADEL CITY 1 (1)
FOOTSCRAY 2 (0)

ST. GEORGE 1 (0)
STH. MELBOURNE 0

CANBERRA 1(0)
NEWCASTLE 5(1)

Goal: 0-1 Lowe (4m)
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, Mullen 4, Kershaw 3 (Gomez 40), O'Connor 4, Bruce 4, Stevenson 4, Watson 3 (Patikas 67), Barnes 4, Campbell 3, Souness 4, Silva 4. Coach: G. Chaldi

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Perry 4, Gaffney 5, Pimblett 4, Echeverria 3 (Coyne 70m), Caldwell 4, Kelso 4, Ratcliffe 4, Wilkinson 4, Conner 4, Lowe 4. Coach: N. Saffich
Referee: R. Lorenc Crowd: 745 Caution: Wilkinson

A sparkling team effort from Brisbane VCity unsettled the Sydney team right from the start, never allowing them to get going.

With Brisbane City sharper and quicker to the ball, they forced the Slickers on the defensive.

Brisbane's aggressiveness took Sydney by surprise.

Potter and Ratcliffe were alert at the back while Perry seldom allowed Silva out of his sight.

Wishart was totally dominant in his goal and on the only occasion when he was beaten Perry was there to head off the line.

The only goal of the match came early when Wilkinson's ball down the line went to Kelso who outpaced the defence before cutting back to the unmarked Lowe who flashed home his drive.

Sydney City almost came back to level terms only for Wishart who constantly denied them.

Early in the second half Barnes tested the Brisbane goalie with several hard shots but Sydney City's challenge was short-lived and the Queenslanders dominated to the end with Gaffney dominant in mid-field maintaining a good link between his defence and attack.

Overall it was a well balanced team effort from Brisbane City.

— A. Henderson

Goals: 1-0 Northcote (35m), 1-1 Palinkas (60m), 1-2 Palinkas (77m).
ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, Russell 4, Perin 2, B. Nyskohus 4, Dods 4, Muniz 3, Melta 3 (Deans 58m), (Marocchi 71m), Northcote 4, J. Nyskohus 3, Villani 4, Kent 2. Coach: R. Rasic.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 4, Ristic 4, Hazabent 3 (Vasic 46m), O'Reilly 3, Kondarios 5, Ilioski 3, Palinkas 5, Rujevic 4, Picloane 3, Jovanovic 3, Lujic 4. Coach: R. McLachlan. Referee: D. Campbell (SA). Crowd: 2,500. Cautions: Northcote, Rejevic, Picloane.

This unexpected result has severely dented Adelaide City's top four prospects. Footscray owed their success to the opportunism of their speedy wing striker Joe Palinkas who scored two great breakaway goals.

Palinkas struck twice during an inspired 17-minute burst in the second half when it appeared that the best Footscray could hope for was a narrow loss.

Brian Northcote gave City a shaky first half lead when he headed home a perfect right wing cross from young Charlie Villani.

But, City's earlier mistake-ridden performance gave rise to the thought that an upset was a distinct possibility. And with many of City's usually reliable players sadly out of touch, the home side proved incapable of cracking Footscray's massed defence in the second term.

City introduced Dixie Deans in an effort to lift their fire power before Footscray equalised, but the former Scottish international lasted only 12 minutes before he suffered a recurrence of a muscle injury.

— A. CRISP

Goal: Hensman (83m).
ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Grosse 3, Gnavi 2 (Katholos 68m), R.O'Shea 3, Mihajlovic 3, (Fenoughty 78m), JO'Shea 2, Hensman 3, Cotton 3, O'Connor 3. Coach: R. Blanco.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boland 3, Kalafatidis 3, Pye 3, Kyriakolous 2, Baxter 3, Lutton 2, Davidson 3, Christopoulos 3, Ristovski 3, Evans 2, Campbell 3. Coach: J. Margaritis.

Referee: T. Davies. Crowd: 2143. Cautions: Harris, Kalafatidis, Davidson.

The importance of the game to both teams obviously affected the 22 players, resulting in a cautious, unadventurous display for almost the entire 90 minutes.

South Melbourne had sufficient chances to have a handsome lead and no worries before Hensman sank them.

Referee Tim Davies showed admirable restraint in the initial 15 minutes when crude fouls and flying feet predominated.

The first menacing shot was a thunderbolt from Mihajlovic, saved by Boland.

Then came the big chance for Davidson. Fraser dropped the ball some eight metres out and Davidson, quite alone, blasted it metres over the empty goal.

Had they scored just one, it looked that they could over-run the casual St. George defence and win well.

As so often happens, the team missing the chances finally gets a sharp lesson.

With nine minutes to go Utjesenovic took a freekick outside the South Melbourne penalty area and Hensman flew to head a superb goal from almost the sole opportunity the Saints had all afternoon.

— R. Dewick

Goals: 0-1 Moulis (o.g., 45m), 0-2 Heys (47m) 0-3 McClelland (60m) 0-4 Boden (67m) 1-4 Farrell (67m) 1-5 Boden (83m).

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 3, Moulis 3, Milovanovic 4, Kawalewa 2, Farrell 3, Brown 2, Davies 2, Cant 3, McLaren 3, Lustica 3 (Grulic 51m), Byrne 2. Coach: V. Fernandez.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 3, Willis 3, Drinkwater 4, Curran 4, Summerscales 3, Senkalski 4, Bertogna 3, Tredinnick 4, Boden 4, Heys 4, Jones 4. Coach: A. Vest.

Referee: P. Nugent; Crowd: 3200; Caution: Drinkwater.

An unlucky own goal conceded by Canberra could have been the crucial turning point of the match.

Before that, both sides had ample opportunities to score.

After half time, Brown was dispossessed by Boden whose pass went to Heys and there was the second goal.

For the next 20 minutes Canberra were unable to hold the eager Newcastle strikers.

Senkalski and Boden, after a quiet first half, exploded into action.

Senkalski's skill in midfield became a deciding factor and gradually his Canberra counterparts showed signs of despondency.

Boden's first goal was a dynamic effort, getting a great pass from Senkalski and bursting through.

Canberra gained some consolation when Farrell hit a volley home.

However, Newcastle were not to be denied their bonus point.

Seven minutes from the end Heys crossed a ball, Boden chested it down and then smashed it into the net.

For Canberra it may not be too early now to start rebuilding for 1980 and wipe the negativism which seems to characterise the team.

— P. kunz

Sailors hit town

The team of the Royal Navy cruiser HMS Norfolk will play Chullora at Bankstown Soccer Centre on Thursday night September 13.

Norfolk have only lost one of their six matches in Australia.

The main game will be at 7.30pm, with a curtain-raiser at 6pm.

They are due back from exercises in New Zealand on September 12, and are particularly interested in doing better than the 2-2 result against Chullora when they last met.

They produce their own referee, P/O Pete Moffit, who has a grade 1 rating in England.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI.....	21	12	6	3	47	24	30	4	34	11	5	4	2	21	16	14	10	7	2	1	26	8	16	11	5	3	3	15	15	13
2 (2) BRISBANE CITY.....	21	11	5	5	30	21	27	1	28	10	6	2	2	15	6	14	11	4	3	3	18	15	12	11	4	4	3	18	15	12
3 (6) NEWCASTLE.....	21	9	7	5	35	24	25	1	26	10	5	3	2	17	9	13	10	6	2	2	16	7	14	11	6	3	2	23	12	15
4 (3) SYDNEY CITY.....	20	11	2	7	36	24	24	1	25	10	5	—	5	20	17	10	11	6	3	1	15	9	13	10	4	2	4	16	14	10
5 (4) ADELAIDE CITY.....	21	9	6	6	35	26	24	1	25	10	3	3	4	12	14	9	10	3	2	5	10	17	8	10	3	2	5	10	17	8
6 (5) HEIDELBERG.....	19	9	5	5	31	23	23	1	24	9	5	3	1	15	9	13	10	4	2	4	12	12	10	10	5	1	4	12	12	10
7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE....	21	9	4	8	27	26	22	1	23	11	6	2	3	17	9	14	10	2	4	4	10	16	8	11	4	3	4	13	14	11
8 (8) APIA.....	20	9	3	8	24	24	21	—	21	10	4	2	4	12	12	10	10	5	1	4	12	12	10	10	5	1	4	14	11	11
9 (9) CANBERRA.....	21	6	7	8	23	31	19	—	19	10	2	4	4	10	16	8	10	2	4	4	10	16	8	10	2	4	4	10	16	8
10(10) OLYMPIC.....	20	7	3	10	22	24	17	—	17	10	2	2	6	8	13	6	10	2	2	6	8	13	6	10	2	2	6	8	13	6
11(11) FOOTSCRAY.....	21	7	2	12	22	35	16	—	16	11	4	1	6	12	18	9	10	3	—	7	13	23	6	10	3	—	7	13	23	6
12(12) LIONS.....	19	6	2	11	20	34	14	—	14	10	3	—	7	13	23	6	10	3	2	5	10	17	8	10	2	2	6	12	21	6
13(13) ST. GEORGE.....	20	5	4	11	22	38	14	—	14	10	3	2	5	10	17	8	10	1	1	8	5	22	3	10	1	1	8	5	22	3
14(14) STH. MELBOURNE...	21	4	2	15	19	39	10	—	10	11	3	1	7	14	17	7														

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points.

CITY AT GOSFORD

Next Saturday's Sydney City-Newcastle KB United match at Graham Park Gosford will be one of the big events of the 1979 PSL year.

It is the fifth and perhaps the biggest of the Sydney City ventures.

The others have been the "City Slickers" nick name competition, the Lord Mayor's Cup, the City Ford Cortina give-away, and the Pele skills competition, including a trip for two boys to New York.

After three weeks of media build-up and schools and junior coaching, the pre-match events include a Sydney City-Central Coast under-15 game.

All attending the game can enter the year's draw for the Ford Cortina.

The Central Coast Leagues Club is generously providing \$2500 to publicise the match and will give a reception to the clubs and the Press after the game.

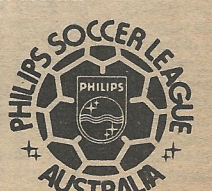
Proceeds of the canteen and "Golden Goals" will be donated to the Central Coast Soccer Association.

From the Newcastle end buses will convey the fans at \$3 return.

The Supporters' Club's huge motorcade assembles at Doyalson RSL at noon, after which the decorated motorcade will invade Gosford.



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TOP PSL SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi)	13
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	11
LOW (Br.City)	11
SMITH (Syd.City)	10
BYRNE (Canberra)	9
COLE (Heidelberg)	9
DEANS (Adel.City)	8
BRENNAN (Br.Lions)	8
SHARNE (Marconi)	8
DRINKWATER (N'castle)	7
WATSON (Syd.City)	7
REED (APIA)	7
BODEN (Newcastle)	7

CALLAGHAN IN CANBERRA

What was the tangible value of Ian Callaghan to Canberra City?

Before his arrival, the team played 10 for 4 wins, 4 draws and 2 losses, a total of 12 points.

During his stay in Canberra, the team played 9 for 2 wins, 3 draws and 4 losses — 7 points.

No comment.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

• South Melbourne coach John Margaritis: "I think we could have won against the Saints. Certainly a draw would have been fairer."

• Raul Blamco, St. George: "It was a tense game. For one, Lady Luck was on our side."

• "Ausgezeichnet," (excellent) was AEK coach Hermann Stessl's spontaneous German comment on the young NSW team. "They play a really fast English type of game and the crosses into our goalmouth caused an end of problem."

• While the non-committed spectators last Sunday enjoyed the elegant artistry of AEK star Mimis Domazos, many Greek critics brushed him off with a "he's too old" comment.

• Ian Souness, NSW defender: "That AEK equaliser... Why did the ref give a free kick? I tell you. I yelled towards the linesman, 'what about the offside'— and Witschge blew the whistle."

• Instead, Sydney Olympic tried to put on some sort of a do but it was clearly unplanned. After the match Olympic president John Constantine walked into the NSW dressing room and told the players that they would be welcome at the club. Most didn't even know where the place was.

• Leo Baumgartner, NSW coach: "I was pleased with the boys. Once some of these youngsters mature a bit, they will be the mainstays of the national team."

• Marrickville Olympic were all set to invite AEK, the NSW team, officials and Press to their clubhouse after Sunday's game for a reception — but the promoters of the tour demanded extra "appearance money" for AEK, so the deal was called off.

• "It is a pity to have both Jim Muir and John Besir out of the side, but I am very happy with the quality of the reserves, Sergio Melta, Gary Marocchi, Robert Marwe, together with Ric Migliaccio for goal," said Rale Rasic, of Adelaide City.

• Although the Philips Cup final is only on September 30, fever is building up, especially as opponents St. George will provide a more than competitive opponent.

• "We are fighting for our life and the slight margin we have in points is not very great," says Footscray president, Tony Kovac.

• The equivalent of a couple of commuter plane loads of Newcastle fans, plus another five bushloads of them, took the run down to Canberra for last Sunday's Canberra match.

• "We have a tremendous rapport with the Newcastle people, and everybody knows everybody. There are no beg pardons on the field, but we can get together after the game and have a great time together," said Canberra City secretary-manager Max Talbot, who well knows the Newcastle scene.



• Bobby McLachlan, Footscray: "Today's win means that we have now taken nine out of a possible 10 points from the top five teams. I wish we could do as well against the teams below us."

• Adelaide City manager-coach Rale Rasic blamed the mid-week SA versus AEK Athens game for robbing his State team representatives of their sharp edge. "It's always the same with these Wednesday night games," Rasic said. "Players are released to play for SA, but the clubs have to suffer because their players are overworked."



The NSW team which drew with AEK last Sunday in Sydney.



NSW defender Ian Souness poised to tackle an AEK player.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Sydney City v Bris.Lions..... 7.30pm, Sportsground

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Newcastle v Lions..... 2.30pm, Newcastle

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

W. Adel. v St. George..... 2.30pm, Hindmarsh
Olympic v Canberra..... 3pm, Pratten Park
APIA v Sydney City..... 3pm, Wentworth
Bris. City v Marconi..... 3pm, Perry Park
Sth. Melb. v Footscray..... 3pm, Middle Park
H'berg v Adel. City..... 3pm, Olympic Park

NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

St. George v H'berg..... 7.30pm, St. George Stadium
Bris. Lions v APIA..... 7.30pm, Perry Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Sydney City v Newcastle..... 3pm, Gosford
Canberra v Heidelberg..... 3pm, Bruce

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Marconi v APIA..... 3pm, Marconi Stadium
Adelaide City v South Melb..... 2.30pm, Olympic Field
Bris. Lion v Olympic..... 3pm, Olympic Field

Bris. Lions v Olympic..... 3pm, Perry Park
St. George v Bris. City..... 3pm, St. George Stadium
Footscray v West Adel..... 3pm, Olympic Park

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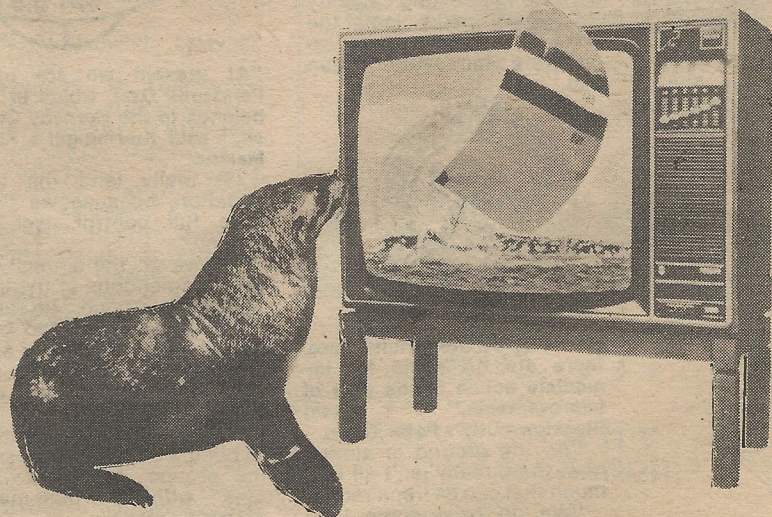
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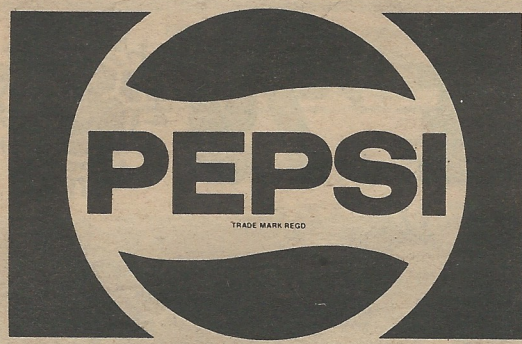
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CANBERRA	0-0		3-2	3-1		1-2	1-1	1-3	0-0		1-5	0-3	★ 0-0	
BRISBANE CITY		0-1	1-0		3-1	0-0	4-0	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1		0-1	★

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT



"Hurstville Oval is totally in the hands of the council, and there is very little we can do to improve the ground," said Arncliffe's secretary Dave Dorian.

"We can't spend any money on the ground without council approval, and the local council doesn't seem to have too much interest in the ground."

"We have even approached the other sporting groups that use the ground, union and cricket."

"But they obviously have tried to get through before, and have told us that it is a hopeless task," Dave said.

"We have even suggested putting lights up, but have had no reaction."

"It has come to the stage where we are now considering looking elsewhere for a ground."

"In fact we have been looking at an area in North Barton Park, about a mile away from St. George's ground as a possible sight for development."

"Our problems do not only lie with local councils though."

"We have to fight - if that's the right word - with our own sports and Social Club to convince them that the club needs a ground."

"This ground would also be available to the league teams and to any other sports backed by the club, and that is why we are looking at North Barton Park as a possible area for development," Dave said.

AUBURN

"Like a lot of other State League clubs, we are using a council ground, and as a result we don't have much to do with the ground's improvements or otherwise," said Auburn's Derek Bedwell.

"Also, we have the added problem, which other clubs don't have, of Mona Park being used for cricket in the summer."

"This means that the ground is a natural quagmire in the wet, and can be very hard and dusty in the summer and hotter weather."

"The club is being run on a shoe-string budget at present, so there are no funds available for ground improvements on our part."

"There have been discussions regarding the lighting at the ground, and it is likely that the brilliance will be trebled before next season."

"That will certainly make training sessions much more easier, but whether it will be suitable for matches is debatable," Derek said.

"The money for the lighting is coming from the Auburn Combined Sports Committee, which is a local fund raising organisation which tries to update sporting facilities in the area."

"Usually they go half and half with the council, but this time they are raising all the money off their own bat," he added.



"This season we settled in to our new ground, Knight Park," said Avala spokesman Peter Reljin.

"We are leasing the ground from the Fairfield Council, and have an undertaking from them that we will be given sole occupancy."

"We are sharing costs with the council as far as improving the ground goes."

"We have put up \$3,500 to have a fence constructed around the pitch, and we will put more money into the ground to make it a decent venue for soccer," Peter added.

"The new dressing sheds are now completed, and they have everything that a player could want."

"Hot water will always be available in the showers - something which tends to be a novelty at other grounds."

"Referees haven't been forgotten and their dressing room is better than most."

"Within the next 12 months we will have the lighting installed on the ground, giving us the potential to play night matches, postponed games, and even some of the Ampol Cup games. To take the wear off the battered Garside Park," he said.

"We also have plans to put at least one row of seating right around the field, while one side of the ground will have an embankment built up."

"Hopefully, these improvements will be carried out before the start of the 1981 season," Peter added.



"After much delay we have finally started work on our amenities block at the Soccer Centre," said Bankstown's PR man Stan Peck.

"We had been waiting for some time for work to begin, and last week it started to go up."

"The block will house two large dressing rooms for the teams, a referee's change room, a kiosk and a sauna."

"The sauna will be available for the players' and referees' use after matches, and will be available for our club members' use during the week," Stan said.

"The building should be completed by the end of September, and we hope that it will be functional by the start of the new season."

"We have juniors, Federation sides and the State league teams playing on the ground each week, as well as the training sessions, so it doesn't get a chance to recover during the week between matches."

"The ground has lighting, which is good enough for training, and just passable for competition matches."

"At this stage there are no plans to upgrade the lighting."

"Nor are there any plans to increase the seating capacity as there really isn't the demand to warrant any expenditure for seats," Stan said.



"As far as the ground goes, there are no plans for immediate action in the area of improvements," said Blacktown City's Peter Thorn.

"As the ground is almost new, there really isn't all that much that can be 'repaired'."

"We do have some long term plans, to add more seating, and to put in lighting which would be suitable even for television," Peter said.

"Nearly all our funds will be

Grounds for complaint? Or grounds for optimism?

This week we checked to see where the NSW State League clubs play - and what plans, if any, they have for the future.

If all goes well, within a year or two quite a few will have vastly improved playing and viewing facilities.

diverted into a major project involving the club itself.

"We plan to spend over \$500,000 to treble the size of the clubhouse," he said.

"As you can imagine, with all that expenditure, the ground may be pushed into the background for a while."

"However, that is not to say that it won't be receiving top treatment, for we have two full time groundsmen who work to maintain the high standard of the playing surface," Peter added.



"As most of our supporters know, we will be transferring our headquarters to Edensor Park next year," said Croatia secretary Peter Lukunic.

"We have been rather 'homeless' for a long time, I would agree."

"But that will all change now," he said.

"The Edensor Park ground has the potential to be a really fine soccer ground."

"At present it just has four embankments around the ground upon which people can sit or stand."

"The club has several long term projects in the bag, including plans to build two stands on either side of the ground."

"But that is a long way off - possibly five or ten years," he said.

"The dressing rooms have been completed, and they are as modern as any in Sydney."

"On top of the dressing room complex there is a stand, which can hold about 500 people."

"We plan to fully enclose that section, then sell the seats to members of the club for \$100."

"That area would be serviced by the club, with drinks and so on for the members," Peter said.

"So you can see that the club is now finally doing something to make the lot of the fans a little more comfortable," he added.



"At present we are using Parklands Oval, which in fact belongs to the Hornsby Council," said Ku-ring-gai's Frank Malone.

"It really isn't the best situation, because we don't have full control over the ground."

"However, the council has been tremendous in trying to update the ground," he said.

"What we need, and what we are in the process of searching for, is our own ground which we can develop to suit our own needs."

"The club is also planning to build a clubhouse close to the ground, to provide the fans with a post-match gathering place."

"For some time the club has been looking at the old Pymble quarry site as a possible location for our ground."

"But we have run into some stubborn opposition on some fronts, and we are now looking elsewhere," he said.

"It has been suggested that the club centre itself around the Hornsby area, and I think that would be a good idea."

"It is not a very pro-rugby area, and soccer is fairly well established there, with two large junior associations coming to a junction at that point."

"But whatever suburb we choose, you can be assured that eventually Ku-ring-gai will have its own ground," Frank said.



"Next season we plan to concentrate on increasing the seating capacity at Cromer," said Manly president George Dick.

"We think that the basic amenities for spectators and players are good, and so what were are about to commence on is a project to improve what we have," he said.

"We are going to put another 250 seats along the sides of the ground."

"Also, we want to improve the embankments around the side of the field, so that they don't get so muddy or treacherous in wet weather."

"Our main project will of course be the club house."

"The plans are at present still under consideration by the State Planning Authority, and hopefully we will hear some positive news from them."

"When we do, we want to build the club house right on the side of the ground."

"Part of the plans for the club incorporate a 'terrace' which will look out over the playing field and act as a stand for spectators."

"We would like to start the construction either later this year or early next season to get the project under way," George added.

MY OLYMPIC

"We are planning to do a lot to Arlington Oval in the near future," said Marrickville's Lionel Brown.

"The first thing we want to do, though, is to sign a lease with the Marrickville Council."

"Preferably we would like a 20 year lease - something long term so that we can put some decent money into the ground."

"We would like to put lighting into the ground, to make it first rate."

"That would enable us to play night soccer" Lionel added.

"That is a fairly good money earner, because we can then play Ampol Cup matches, taking some of the strain away from Garside Park, and providing a ground which is very close to the city."

"Also, the State League needs grounds which can play night matches throughout the week."

"We always tend to end up with a lot of unplayed matches in the State League for one reason or another, so we could use the ground."

"Overall we want to upgrade the amenities for spectators and players alike."

"Hopefully this project won't take too long and the

ground should be a very good showpiece within a couple of years," Lionel said.



"At present the only major plans for Marco Polo Oval are to increase the seating," said Inter Monaro secretary Tony Reale.

"The ground is in fairly good order, and will only need the usual topsoiling requirements."

"Facilities are very good, because the club house adjoins the field."

"Actually we do not intend to making too many improvements to the ground, the reason being that next year we hope to play most of our matches at the Bruce Stadium."

"We are in the process of negotiating with Juventus of Canberra on the possibility of a merger to form one joint soccer team."

"If this comes off, then we would play our home games at Bruce."

"Marco Polo would still be used whenever Bruce was unavailable, and it could also be used by the local competition," Tony added.

"If a merger did come about, the two social clubs would remain independent, but would jointly finance the soccer team."

"This would provide a first class soccer team for the area, competing in the State League, and we would also be giving the spectators the best facilities for soccer in Australia," he said.



"I would say that it is almost definite that next year we will have our own home ground," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.

"The ground is in the area between Granville and Chester Hill."

"Actually Chester Hill would be a more accurate description of the location."

"There is a good Maltese population in that area, and it is sufficiently far enough away from the 'older' soccer areas to be labelled virgin territory which we can exploit," Emmanuel added.

"The ground is called Everley Park, and the club has decided to put about \$60,000 into the ground this year and next."

"That will take the form of amenities and general improvements."

"It is a big ground, which will suit our traditional style of play."

"We have never really ever become used to Garside Park, because of its tightness," he added.

"The money for the ground will come from several sources, but it would be fair to say that the bulk will come from the Phoenix Club - Melita's financial backers."

"They will be putting up at least \$40,000 towards the ground, which will go a long way towards us seeing the ground gets into good condition."

"During the off-season we plan a series of 'volunteer' days to get helpers from amongst the club's fans along to Everley Park and help in doing some of the work."

"We aim to get the ground ready for the start of next season," Emmanuel added.

P-MATTA

"There has been a lot of talk recently in the club about improvements to Garside Park," said Parramatta coach Bob Wall.

"The latest I heard was that the directors of the club were planning to carry out some basic 'dimension' changes."

"The club is looking at both widening and lengthening the pitch."

"This could be done because there is a fair bit of room from the edge of the ground proper to Parramatta Road," Bob said.

"Also, we could easily move the ground out on the side, towards the club house."

"This would give more room on the dressing shed side to build a stand and better change room facilities."

"Nearly every club complains that Garside isn't big enough as a field, so I suppose that most people would welcome news that we intend increasing the ground's size."

"A big plus for next season will be that we will no longer train on Garside Park."

"The council has approved our application to use another ground near the club house, and this ground will also be used by our juniors."

"It has been the constant over-use of the ground by juniors and Federation sides which has done the damage to Garside, and now that problem will be eased," Bob said.

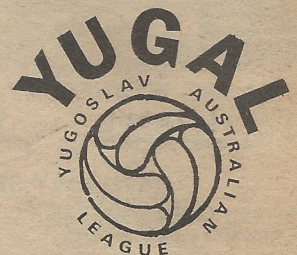
SUTHERLAND

"We don't have any special plans for Seymour Shaw in the foreseeable future," said Sutherland's Laurie Haynes.

"We haven't thought about doing anything to the ground in the way of outside ground improvements."

"We will of course be doing the end of year repairs to the ground, along with the usual re-turfing and topsoiling of the playing surface."

"That is perhaps the most essential thing, because the ground gets a lot of use during the season, and for it to last through another gruelling year of soccer, the field has to be in very good nick," he said.



"We really haven't got anything planned for Concord Oval," said Yugal's secretary Mike Alagich.

"We are leasing the ground from the Western Suburbs Rugby Union Club, so we don't really have much say in what can and should be done to the ground."

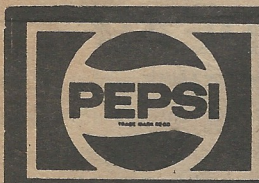
"But we are looking at the possibility of our moving closer towards the city," Mike said.

"We want a home ground which is either closer to the city than Concord is, or have a ground which is in the city - like the Marks Field."

"Concord Oval has answered our problem for this season, but we are not looking at it as a permanent solution," he said.

"What we want is a ground which we can have to ourselves, on a long term lease, so that we can put some money into it, and reap the benefit."

"We must settle down, because the present situation is not good enough, that we can find ourselves without a ground if the Union people decide to play some friendly match," Mike added.



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

ARNCLIFFE v MELITA 1-2 (1-1)

A top performance by Brian Parker helped Melita to strengthen its position for the fourth semifinal spot at the end of the season. Using his speed to full advantage, Parker was well positioned to take a pass and score the first goal, and again beating the Arncliffe defence to get the one that mattered at the end. But in between, the Eagles were fully extended by an Arncliffe side fighting for its survival in this division. Leading the Arncliffe struggle were Andy Tracey and Rex Perry in midfield who on several occasions got right on top of the more polished and experienced Eagle's midfield. In addition, Norm Rogers in goal was

quite safe and he used every ounce of skill to smother and stop dangerous balls in addition to some good saves including a penalty from Ray Farrugia. **ARNCLIFFE:** Rogers 4, Campbell 2, Smart 3, Blackburn 3, Hall 4, Perry 4, Oldham 3, Tracey 4, Sidey 2, Schroeder 4, (Muskovits 60m), Marchant 3. **MELITA:** Bracklow 4, McDonald 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Hadley 3, Darvill 4, Parker 5, McAusland 3, Allan 4, R. Farrugia 3, Griffiths 3 (Jones 75m). **Goals:** 0-1 Parker (5m), 1-1 Perry (40m), 1-2 Allan (80m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 725.

— C. Spiteri

MANLY v PARRAMATTA 0-2 (0-0)

Finding it hard to create clear scoring opportunities, both teams were content to play in the midfield. The difference between them was in the finishing. Nelson Brizuela showed how it should be done with two well taken goals, whilst Manly's defence must take some blame for weak tackling. O'Maye and Lackey, the Parramatta centre-backs, were unbeatable and had a very fine match. Young Ian Barker played brilliantly in Parramatta's goal, and more or less rescued his team with two good saves in the second half. Manly had some disappointments as they were

almost in for a couple of goals, firstly through Nawalu, and then Peter Vale missed a clear scoring opportunity. **MANLY:** Cassettari 3, Mouttet 3, Doyle 3, Dick 3, Townsend 4, Stuart 3, Palamara 3, Jack 3, Chapman 2, Nawalu 3 (Rogers 83m), Vale 2 (McVeigh 83m). **PARRAMATTA:** I. Barker 4, Barron 3, Selfridge 3, Lackey 4, O'Maye 4, Abbott 2, (Roden 76m), Link 2, G. Barker 4, Morrow 3, Fraser 3, Brizuela 4. **Goals:** 0-1 Brizuela (56m), 0-2 Brizuela (76m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 125.

— A. Henderson

YUGAL v MONARO 1-1 (0-0)

Once again Monaro failed to win away from home as they shared the points with lowly Yugal. They were quicker to the ball, and always ready to attack, but they only breached the Yugal defence once. In the third minute Walter Valeri put in a strong 30-metres shot just clear of the left post, and in the 16th minute he had another well saved by George Kostanides in the Yugal goal. Yugal were fortunate to go ahead in the 56th minute, when a clearance by Monaro's Tony Falzon in front of goal rebounded off David Travini collected a sliced clearance 18 metres out and

scored with a low shot. Yugal applied strong pressure late in the game but the Monaro defence remained solid. **YUGAL:** Kostanides 4, Radovac 3, Delaney 3, Coton 4, Klemperer 3, Prgomelja 3, Travini 3, Tanoski 3, (Novakovic 87m), Morsello 3, Martinez 2, Karanfilovski 2 (Rodas 36m 3). **MONARO:** Palec 3, De Paoli 3, Charles 3, Noble 4, O'Neill 3, Falzon 3, Fay 3 (Leith 75m), Bourke (Venturelli 10m 3), Trajonoski 3, Valeri 4, Morsello 4. **Goals:** 1-0 Travini (56m), 1-1 Valeri (58m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 210.

— G. Streeter.

AVALA v MARRICKVILLE 3-0 (2-0)

Avala's more disciplined approach to the game saw them run out winners 3-0. Both teams used the offside trap to effect early, but a good clearance by Avala defender Gary Bateman in the 32nd minute resulted in Branko Kodor slamming the ball into the net. Three minutes later Olympic suffered a severe setback when George Bosganos was injured and unable to continue. Avala did not allow the Olympic defence to settle, and laid siege to their goal. The pressure paid dividends in the 44th minute when Barry Young picked up a loose ball after a defensive mix-up and slotted it home. After the break Marrickville attacked with a vengeance, but poor finishing ruined their efforts.

Avala sealed their win when the ever present Zoran Djuricic hammered the ball home from 25-metres in the 58th minute. Avala then closed the game up, but their late attacks were almost rewarded with another goal. **AVALA:** Ahrens 4, G. Bateman 4, Patterson 3, Barton 3, R. Griffith 3, Williams 3 (Murphy 84m), Djuricic 4, Rnjak 3, Young 3, Kodor 3, Moorcroft 3. **MARRICKVILLE:** Bartzis 3, G. Brown 4, Bosganos (Binot 34m 2), Penman 2, Sheldrick 3, Zeros 3, Kable 4, Thompson 3 (Wignall 62m), R. Brown 3, Thamnides 2, Ramisch 3. **Goals:** 1-0 Kodor (32m), 2-0 Young (44m), 3-0 Djuricic (58m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 263.

— E. Morrison

CROATIA v AUBURN 3-0 (3-0)

It was mainly a brilliant display by Maurice Sullivan and Wally Savor that enabled runaway leaders Croatia to sink Auburn 3-0 at Arlington. Abonyi opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Savor was tripped in the penalty area and the Croatia ace scored from the spot. In the 22nd minute came one of the many delightful movements between Sullivan and Savor which culminated with the latter scoring a fine goal. The movement was repeated one minute later but this time Savor's shot hit the upright. The third goal arrived in the 40th minute when the Auburn defence failed to clear a corner kick, allowing Sullivan to pounce on the ball and drive it into the net. Auburn did not give up easily and they launched several attacks late in the first half. After halftime they held their own. Croatia

goalkeeper Steve Watson made several excellent saves. Peter Mullen and the evergreen Abonyi also showed out for Croatia. For Auburn John McDonald was head and shoulders over his team mates, and must be bracketed with Sullivan and Savor as one of the day's three stars. **CROATIA:** Watson 4, A. Kovacic 3, Mullen 4, Basic 3, Smith 3, Dudaric 3 (Vidaic 74m), Sullivan 5, Savor 5, Abonyi 4, M. Kovacic 3, Cootes 3. **AUBURN:** Gisbourne 3, Cornett 4, Woods 2, Dobson 4, McCranor 2 (Fairclough 79m), McDonald 5, Ruiz 3, Juchniewicz 3, Tilt 3, Leak 3 (Field 82m), Montgomery 3. **Goals:** 1-0 Abonyi pen. (9m); 2-0 Savor (22m); 3-0 Sullivan (40m). **Referee:** R. Lorenz. **Crowd:** 1220.

— E. De Mesquita

Saturday's deferred match between Manly-Warringah and Yugal at Cromer Park will have a huge bearing on the 1979 relegation issue.

Both clubs occupy the wrong end of the table on 13 points, but Yugal have a deferred game against Ku-ring-gai to play. Form is apt to vary, but for their part Yugal's draw with Monaro last week brought a sign of relief, and they have recent wins over Auburn and Marrickville to boot. Before losing to Parramatta and Croatia, Manly snatched draws with Sutherland and Blacktown, defeated Arncliffe and draw with Avala. Arncliffe, 15 points, see things a little brighter after their 5-1 defeat of Bankstown. They have only four games to go, against Manly's six and Yugal's seven.

This week Manly have Ivan Birchett away in New Zealand, and Stuart Riley has been missing due to illness. **Impregnable at the top of the table, Croatia meet Marrickville Olympic at Arlington on Sunday.**

With Wally Savor and Maurice Sullivan knitting together so well, Croatia have an attack which must worry their opponents. Blacktown City, at last in their true colours, are one of four teams who double up. They could upset Auburn at home on Saturday, and as their Sunday opponent Yugal also plays two matches, they are at no apparent disadvantage.

Blacktown's run appears a bit late, but if four points

★ SCHOOLS

Newcastle CHS official Phil Murray says that the North is ready to move into a State-wide under-15 competition at once.

A total of 34 teams played in this year's series and various sponsors are interested in offering assistance.

MELITA v KU-RING-GAI 3-3

Following their 3-3 draw with Ku-ring-gai, Melita's chances of making the semi-finals are again in jeopardy, but a team which gives away three goals could hardly expect to be in the semis anyway. Goalkeeper Uwe Bracklow must have thought he had a nightmare when two shots and a header - all from more than 30-metres away - went past him into the net. But this was only part of the trouble in a torrid game of football which fluctuated from one extreme to another. In the first half, Melita played their best football since Raul Blanco left them, scoring three goals in 25 minutes and missing at least another three. Towards the end of the first half, some controversial refereeing decisions stirred up both the players and the crowd and police had to be called. In the upheaval, Melita lost its rhythm and although Ku-ring-gai never really got very close to the Eagles goal

come from the two games then they will have the pressure on any top side that wilts.

Melita Eagles go down to Bruce Stadium on Saturday for an encounter with Monaro.

Melita have not fired so well, but Monaro have real difficulties.

John Santolin has two broken toes, Sebastian

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Croatia v Auburn	3-0	3-0	0-2
Melita v Ku-ring-gai	3-3	0-1	0-2
Bankstown v Arncliffe	1-5	1-0	2-1
Avala v Mv Olympic	3-0	5-1	3-3
Yugal v Monaro	1-1	1-1	—
Manly v Parramatta	0-2	2-0	0-0
Melita v Arncliffe	2-1	1-1	—
Sutherland v Blacktown	—	—	1-0

DIVISION 1

Marconi v Blacktown	4-2	3-0	2-0
Polonia v Belmore	3-2	2-3	1-3
Queens Pk v Syd Olymp	3-0	3-1	0-2
Nth. Syd. v Warringah	1-1	4-1	4-1
St. George v Nepean	4-0	4-2	3-1
Wollongong v Uni NSW	3-0	1-0	7-0

DIVISION 2

Guildford v Glad. Ravens	3-1	0-2	1-0
West Ryde v Yagoona	1-2	0-0	2-1
Bathurst v Lane Cove	2-0	0-2	3-2
Lethbridge v Baulk. Hills	1-0	2-0	0-3
Pt. Hacking v Marrickville	2-0	5-0	0-1

DIVISION 3

Bonnyrigg v Artamon	3-2	4-1
Ashcroft v Nth. B'town	0-5	0-1
Bondi v Ryde Dist.	3-1	3-1
Hurstville v C'town	0-1	1-5
Wentworth v Kingsford	0-1	3-1
Sydney Uni v R'stone	1-3	3-4

DIVISION 4

Holroyd v Nth Ryde	0-2	0-1
Namajira v Fairfield	4-3	2-0
Maroubra v Paddington	2-2	2-4
Nth Rocks v W. Holroyd	2-1	0-4
Padstow v Revesby	0-1	2-2
Eastwood v Chelsea	1-0	5-3

DIVISION 5

Fairfield W v Canley Hts	—	1-1
Camden v W. St. George	0-0	2-3
Hawkesbury v Auburn Jrs	0-0	1-1
Fairfield W v Haberfield	1-1	0-0
Pagewood v Canley Hts	1-2	0-3
Macquarie Uni v Edensor	1-0	3-0
Concord v Syd. Maccabi	3-2	1-3

DIVISION 6

Bankstown v L'pool Utd	2-3	3-3
Blacktown v Mt. Pritchard	2-0	2-0
Moorebank v Greystanes	6-0	4-0
Green Valley v Lakemba	3-2	1-1
Sth Sydney v Chullora	0-5	0-8
Winston Hls v L'pool City	3-0	1-1
Blacktown v Moorebank	0-0	1-0

Glampoalo is still not available for selection, and Alan Bourke cut his eye in last week's draw with Yugal.

Ku-ring-gai and Avala at Parklands looks a tight one, but Avala in fifth place have tremendous incentive to win.

Arncliffe surprised by scoring five against Bankstown last week, and this time at Hurstville their advantage is that Auburn will have had a hard game against Blacktown the previous day.

And at Soccer Centre on Sunday, Manly have their second encounter against a Bankstown that hopefully will have forgotten all about their display last Saturday.

PEPSI TOP SCORERS

VALERI (monaro)	21
ALLAN (Melita)	17
ABONYI (Croatia)	14
HALL (Sutherland)	12
BEGGS (Sutherland)	12
MONTGOMERY (Auburn)	12
DALEY (Bankstown)	11
SAVOR (Croatia)	11
FISHER (Blacktown)	10
SIDEY (Arncliffe)	10
RAMISCH (Marr)	9
FIRRELL (Ku-ring-gai)	9
SULLIVAN (Croatia)	9



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Monaro v Melita	Bruce Stadium
Blacktown City v Auburn	Gabbie
Manly v Yugal	Cromer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Bankstown v Manly	Soccer Centre
Arncliffe v Auburn	Hurstville
Ku-Ring-Gai v Avala	Parklands
Parramatta v Sutherland	Garside
Mv. Olympic v Croatia	Arlington
Yugal v Blacktown City	Concord

FIRST DIVISION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Belmore v Sydney City	Blick Oval
Arncliffe v Polonia	Erskineville
Warringah v Queens Park	Graham
Nepean v Wollongong	Cook Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Blacktown v St. George	Francis
APIA v Marconi	Undecided
Uni NSW v Revesby	David Phillips

NEXT WEEK

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Sutherland v Bankstown	Seymour Shaw
Avala v Monaro	Knight Park
Blacktown City v Parramatta	Gabbie Stadium
Manly v Auburn	Cromer Park
Mv. Olympic v Arncliffe	Arlington
Croatia v Ku-ring-gai	Soccer Centre
Melita v Yugal	Garside

FIRST DIVISION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Sydney City v Syd. Olympic	Wentworth
Queens Park v NS Inter.	Erskineville
Belmore v Nepean	Blick Oval

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Wollongong v Blacktown	Berkeley
St. George v APIA	St. George
Marconi v Belmore	Marconi
Polonia v Warringah	Chopin
Revesby v Nepean	Milperra
Sydney City v NS Inter.	Wentworth

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WORLD NEWS



OVERSEAS BRIEFS

- Emlyn Hughes, captain of Liverpool when they won the European Champion's Cup finals in 1977 and 1978, has joined Wolverhampton for \$180,000. Hughes, only 31 and with 59 England "caps" behind him, has been unhappy for some time being only a reserve in Liverpool. Said Liverpool manager, Bob Paisley: "The pressures of modern soccer are so enormous that few players can retain their sharpness and fitness past 30".
- Jurgen Haller, only 16, son of the former star Helmut, has been signed by Monchengladbach. "He's got the skills of his father", says manager Jupp Heynckes.
- Malcolm MacDonald, former Arsenal star now playing in Scandinavia, may have to retire prematurely from soccer because of nagging knee injury.
- Former Hungarian and Real Madrid great, Ferenc Puskas, who last season managed the Greek AEK, has signed a contract with the Egyptian Al Asri club in Port Said.
- For the debut of their colored English striker Laurie Cunningham, Real Madrid arranged a friendly training match at Bernabeu — and attracted 20,000 spectators.
- In the return of the Copa Libertadores, won by Paraguay's Olimpia over Argentina's Boca Juniors, two players were sent off from both teams — and 30 spectators were hospitalised following the "celebrations".
- Hamburg have, predictably, beaten their previous record: they have sold 6,017 season tickets for the new season, an extra bonus for their Bundesliga title win.
- Brazilian ace Dirceu, unhappy in Mexico, wants to go to Spain where Atletico Madrid and even Barcelona have offered him contracts. However, his club, America, are reluctant to release him before 1981, when his lucrative contract expires.
- Francisco Minelli, coach of Brazil's Sao Paulo, has been engaged as the trainer of the Saudi Arabian national team.
- Tottenham's Argentinian star Villa suffered a knee injury while on holidays in Buenos Aires - he fell off a horse.
- Denmark won an international tournament for women's teams, beating Italy 2-0 in the final in Naples.
- Franz Roth, former Bayern star, left Austria and will finish his career with the small German club DJK Konstanz.
- In order to improve the technique of their striker Pruzo, AS Roma manager Liedholm has him practising for half an hour a day - with a tennis ball.
- After a "friendly" match in Monchengladbach, supporters of Liverpool smashed up a local department store; 19 were arrested.
- England will play a friendly against Spain in Madrid on March 26, while Argentina will play England at Wembley on May 13.
- Chelsea captain Ray Wilkins has been signed by Manchester United — for \$2m.
- The entire team of the Soviet Prahtakor perished in an air disaster when a domestic flight of Aeroflot crashed near Moscow last week.
- West Ham are keen to sign Dutch central striker Dirk Nanninga, 30, scorer of Holland's goal in last year's World Cup final against Argentina.
- Bayern Munchen handed out a 5-0 beating to Nottingham Forest in a friendly game. Said Nottingham manager Brian Clough: "This was a disgrace. We could have lost 8-0. One thing is sure: things will change. I think the players concerned know whom I mean".
- England "B" international Mike Flanagan of Charlton has been transferred to Crystal Palace.
- Stan Bowles, star attacker of Queens Park, says he wants to quit. "I don't know what's bothering him", says his manager, Tommy Docherty. Maybe it's Tommy Docherty....?
- Former Yugoslav international Stepanovic, ex-Frankfurt and Worms, will play for Manchester City, replacing their stopper Dave Watson, now with Bremen. So far Manchester City has spent \$2,600,000 on tooling up for the new season.

- Guenter Netzer is still undecided about renewing his contract with Hamburg as manager after its expiry at the end of March. He is reported to have received a lucrative offer from Zurich.
- Possibly the world's oldest coach is Ove Malngren, 86, in charge of IFDarnagord in Sweden. But it's really a family affair: nine of his sons, ranging from 39 down to 19 play for the team — and the other two places are occupied by nephews.
- Bolivia, in the rarified, high altitude atmosphere of their capital La Paz, have chalked up two excellent results: first they beat Argentina then Brazil both 2-1. The Argentine side was the "B" team, with only Passarella selected from the world champion eleven. The matches were for the South American championship.
- We know you have heard that before — and before and before that but it's true: Pele is to play yet another "farewell" game for Santos....
- Nottingham Forest have signed Manchester City midfielder Asa Hartford and Birmingham City goalie Jim Montgomery.
- The 1982 World Cup qualifying groups will be announced by FIFA on October 26. The South American Confederation has decided not to accept Israel in their groups, despite the pleas of president Joao Havelange who had hoped to diffuse the usual Israeli time bomb in the Asian groups.
- Atletico Madrid's new manager is Luis Aragones, replacing former Hungarian star Ferenc Szusza.
- Joaquin Rife, whose job with Barcelona had looked insecure earlier this year, has received a new three-year contract after the team's success in the Cupwinners' Cup final over Dusseldorf.
- Luis Cubilla, former Uruguay international, is the new manager of Paraguay succeeding Luis Gomez who had resigned because he was not getting any co-operation from the clubs.
- Former Portugal national manager Otto Gloria, a Brazilian by birth, is back at home, managing Vasco de Gama, one of the big Rio clubs.
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- Argentina's manager Cesar Menotti dislikes artificial turf. After his team's visit to the Cosmos ground, the Giants Stadium, he said: "The field is worthless and dangerous...".
- Coaching Italian style: Bologna's coach Marino Perani, sacked after two months, has been re-appointed again.
- The Juventus strongman Romeo Benetti has been transferred to AS Roma.
- Bobrov, one of the greatest stars of Moscow Dynamo in the postwar years — and also an international ice hockey ace — died at the age of 57. Bobrov was dismissed earlier this year as manager by Moscow TSKA.
- Rumors have it that Penarol's Uruguay international Fernando Morena — seen in Australia in 1974 with Uruguay — may join FK Austria Wien.

WANNA BUY PROMOTION?

It seems that the selling and buying matches to secure promotion and to avoid relegation is more popular in Yugoslavia than the marketing of their favorite brandy, slivovica.

At the end of the last season, two teams scored an incredible 222 goals in their last match to win promotion.

Gradinar lost at home to Debarce 0-88 (half time was "only" 0-14) and at a different venue, Ilinden managed to beat Mladost by the modest score of 134-0.

One finds it difficult to visualise how 134 goals can be scored in 90 minutes.

Even harder is it to understand why the referees in charge didn't end the farce, call the games off and report the matter.

But they didn't. So the Yugoslav association had to step in.

The two results means that Ilinden would have won promotion on goal difference, to qualify for the Macedonian regional league next season.

But they don't. All four clubs involved were suspended.

The rivalry between Debarce and Ilinden, villages four miles apart, has been fierce for many years.

The bitterness is so acute that close family relationships are often ruined, with fans of the two teams refusing to even talk to each other.

Now the two teams were both candidates for promotion and it all depended on who won by what margin in their last game.

Although the two games were started at the same time to "avoid cheating", scores were constantly transmitted from one ground to the other through a policeman's walkie-talkie and the players kept adjusting the scores accordingly....

KOCSIS DEAD

One of the all-time great Hungarians, Sandor Kocsis, died at the age of 50 in tragic circumstances in Barcelona.

Kocsis was one of the greatest stars of the "unbeatable" Hungarians in the 1950-54 period.

As the best header of the ball, he soon gained the soubriquet of "Golden Head".

He was in the team that beat England 6-3 at Wembley in 1953 and the year before, at Helsinki, won an Olympic gold medal.

Kocsis was the top scorer at the 1954 World Cup finals.

After the Hungarian revolution in 1956, Kocsis—together with Puskas and Czibor—fled from Budapest and settled in Spain.

For many years he was one of the heroes of Barcelona, playing alongside Czibor and an earlier refugee from Hungary, Laszlo Kubala—the current Spanish team supreme.

Several of his business ventures in Barcelona having failed, Kocsis in recent times ran a small espresso bar with his wife.

A few years ago he underwent surgery for cancer on the foot, requiring amputation.

Last month, for the first time in 23 years, he returned to Budapest for a visit and had a second small amputation.

On his return to Barcelona, at a hospital, he committed suicide by jumping out a window.

BRADY TO BAYERN

Arsenal's brilliant young Irish star Liam Brady may end up with Bayern Munchen.

The famous Bavarian club's officials were deeply impressed with Brady's performance in the friendly match played in Stuttgart (0-0).

Bayern manager Ulie Hoeness has contacted Arsenal and made some initial inquiries.

Brady himself has declared himself interested.

"I would be delighted to play for Bayern," he said. "The other club on the Continent that would appeal to me would be Barcelona."

However, Barcelona's foreign quota is full, with Krankl and the newly signed Simonsen and so Brady will have to concentrate his attentions on Bayern.

The Los Angeles Aztecs are wondering how long it will take them to recoup their investment — about \$5 million — on Cruyff.

Attendances have jumped from 9,000 to 17,000 and the Aztecs hope for an average of 20,000 soon. But that won't get back \$5 million. "We just have to make a tour to get some money," said the president. "Of course, we might have to stay on the tour for seven years or so to break even..."

The American Philadelphia Fury club has decreed that no players are allowed to drink alcohol 48 hours before a match. The fine: \$40.

"You can kick me out if I fail," said Billy Bremner, manager of Doncaster. His aim: to steer his club into the Third Division by next May.

Controversial coach Max Merkel has received a compensation of \$60,000 from Bayern Munchen whose ex-president had "promised" him the coaching job, but couldn't make it stick as the players revolted against Merkel and eventually also forced the resignation of president Neudecker. Merkel has already signed for FC Nurnberg for next season for a cool \$170,000.

Top Greek scoring ace Galakos has signed for FC Nurnberg and is awaiting his association's official clearance.

Claudio Coutinho, Brazil's manager, has refused a Saudi Arabian offer of \$45,000 a month. "I won't leave Brazil until after the 1982 World Cup," he said.

In a recent championship round in Peru, players halted all games for a few minutes as a symbolic protest against the imprisonment of three of their colleagues implicated in the alleged falsification of passports of Peru's junior team at the South American youth championships in January.

Who said Australian clubs chop and change their coaches too much? Colombia's Millionarios club has just engaged Jose Varacka as their 13th coach — in two years.

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